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SUBJECT: NEWLY APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT PANEL - FERNAND HURTUBISE

1. THE HONOURABLE ROMEO LEBLANC, ACTING MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT
CANADA ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT BY THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MR. FERNAND HURTUBISE,
47, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PANEL.

2. MR. HURTUBISE IS A GRADUATE OF CARLETON UNIVERSITY
AND FELLOW OF THE CHEMICAL INSTITUTE OF CANADA.
HE RECENTLY GRADUATED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM OF THE CENTRE D'ETUDES INDUSTRIELLES IN
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND. MR. HURTUBISE JOINED THE DEPT
OF ENVIRONMENT CANADA IN 1971 AND WAS SOON APPOINTED DIRECTOR
OF THE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT BRANCH OF THE WATER POLLUTION
CONTROL DIRECTORATE. IN 1974, HE BECAME DIRECTOR
OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY BRANCH, IN 1975,
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE ENVIRONEMTNAL CONSERVATION
DIRECTORATE. MR. HURTUBISE WILL ASSUME HIS NEW
DUTIES ON OCT 18, 1976, AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR ADMINISTERING THOSE ELEMENTS OF THE FEDERAL
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW PROCESS THAT
ARE ASSIGNED TO THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT CANADA.

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3. UNDER THIS PROCESS, FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES SUBMIT PROPOSED PROJECTS CONSIDERED TO HAVE POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PANEL FOR REVIEW. AS CHAIRMAN, MR. HURTUBISE WILL ARRANGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PANELS TO REVIEW EACH PROJECT, PRESIDE OVER PANEL OPERATIONS, OBTAIN PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE PROJECT UNDER REVIEW, AND REPORT TO THE MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE PANEL CONCERNING PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION.

4. MR. HURTUBISE WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTINUOUS LIAISON WITH OTHER FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES REGARDING THE PROCEDURES AND OPERATION OF THE PROCESS AS A WHOLE, AND FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GUIDELINES TO HELP DEPARTMENTS PREPARE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORTS. IN ADDITION, HE WILL LIAISE CLOSELY WITH PROVINCIAL AGENCIES TO COORDINATE FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL PROCEDURES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND ENSURE A COMPATIBLE APPROACH TO THE ASSESSMENT OF FEDERAL PROJECTS THAT ARE OF GREAT CONCERN TO PROVINCES.

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